

REMARKS

The examiner is thanked for a thorough examination of the present patent application.

I. CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 39 was objected to because “[l]ine 12, recites ‘signal, that the first port of the first node’” Office Action, p. 2.

Claim 39 is currently amended to recite “the first port”.

II. CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 29,31-33 and 39-42 were “rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.” Id. In particular, the rejection alleges that terms “similarly configured” renders the claims indefinite.

The applicant respectfully traverses. Nonetheless, the applicant currently amends Claims 29 and 39, the two independent claims, and has removed the alleged indefinite terms. Further, Claims 29, 33, and 39 are currently amended to recite the present invention with even more clarity.

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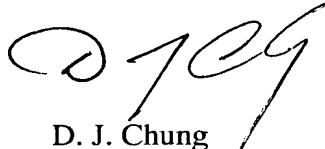
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing Remarks, the applicant respectfully submits that the entire application is in condition for allowance. The applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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